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**Subject:** FW: Possible to hear from Chris Hladick?

Just FYI

**From:** Liz Ruskin <lruskin@alaskapublic.org>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 5, 2020 5:57 PM  
**To:** Skadowski, Suzanne <Skadowski.Suzanne@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** Re: Possible to hear from Chris Hladick?

Thanks for trying. Did you see what the president said today? Can you tell me anything about this "briefing" he references? On- or off- record?

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YOUR SON TWEETED YESTERDAY ASKING THE EPA TO REJECT A PEBBLE MINE IN **ALASKA**. IT IS A GIANT COPPER AND GOLD MINE.

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I DON'T KNOW THE ARGUMENT YET. I WOULD LISTEN TO BOTH SIDES. MY SON HAS SOME VERY STRONG OPINIONS. HE IS AN ENVIRONMENTALIST. HE WAS IMPRESSED WITH WHAT WE DID YESTERDAY. ONE OF THE GREAT ENVIRONMENTAL BILLS EVER SIGNED SINCE, WELL, OVER 100 YEARS, IF YOU THINK ABOUT IT. A LONG TIME. I WILL LOOK AT BOTH SIDES. I HAD HEARD ABOUT IT. I UNDERSTAND THEY ARE GOING TO DO A BRIEFING SOMETIME OVER THE NEXT 48 HOURS. IT'S GOING TO GO QUICKLY. I'VE DONE A LOT FOR **ALASKA**. IT'S A SPECIAL PLACE. THE HIGHWAY, WHATEVER THE NEW NAME IS, WE ARE GETTING APPROVALS FOR TREMENDOUS HIGHWAYS THAT HAVE BEEN SOUGHT FOR 40 YEARS THEY'VE BEEN TRYING TO GET IT APPROVED. I AM GETTING IT APPROVED. WE HAVE DONE A LOT FOR **ALASKA**. IT IS A SPECIAL PLACE. I WILL TAKE A LOOK AT THAT.

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On Wed, Aug 5, 2020 at 2:49 PM Skadowski, Suzanne <Skadowski.Suzanne@epa.gov> wrote:

Hi Liz –

I sent your inquiry to our HQ office, here's what I got:

For questions on this use:

In accordance with the Council of Environmental Quality's (CEQ)'s regulations implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), EPA publishes a weekly Notice of Availability in the Federal Register of Draft and Final Environmental Impact Statements (EISs) to initiate the official start of the public comment or review periods as required under NEPA. On July 24, 2020, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (USACE) Final EIS for the

Pebble Mine was published in EPA's weekly notice to initiate the Final EIS public review period. **Questions about the Final EIS should be directed to USACE.**

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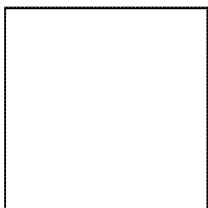
Hello! I wonder if a phone interview is possible. I'm hoping to gauge his initial take on the FEIS so far.

ACOE has asserted that EPA is in lockstep with the Corps. Is that right? Does he feel the FEIS addresses all the concerns raised in the draft?

Pebble is saying "Eight federal agencies ... one final conclusion" that the impacts to salmon are not expected to be measurable. Is that EPA's conclusion?

Thanks in advance,

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**Liz Ruskin**

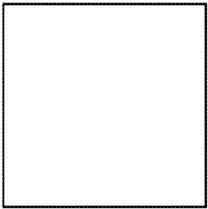
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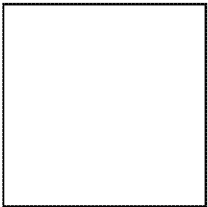
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